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Interstate 10 Widening Study

LOOP 101 (AGUA FRIA FREEWAY) TO INTERSTATE 17



How can I find out more information and provide comments?

During this initial phase (also known as scoping), we request that you send us your comments and questions by January 12, 2009, so they can be addressed in the Draft Environmental Assessment. Following this comment deadline, we encourage you to continue to use the contact information to provide any additional input or to submit a request to be added to the mailing/e-mail lists.

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For more information regarding this study, please visit the study Web site at www.ValleyFreeways.com.

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ADOT is currently studying elements associated with widening Interstate 10 between Loop 101 (Agua Fria Freeway) and Interstate 17. Please use this opportunity to submit comments or questions on this study. The study team is following National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidance and will incorporate the study results and community feedback into a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA).

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What is the Interstate 10 Widening Study?

The widening of I-10 is one of several projects proposed to improve regional traffic flow in the West Valley following voter approval of Proposition 400 in 2004. The planning for these roadway improvements is designated in the Maricopa Association of Governments' (MAG) *Regional Transportation Plan* (RTP). More information on the RTP is available at www.maricopa.gov.

What is the purpose of the study?

ADOT, in conjunction with the Federal Highway Administration, is studying alternatives for widening I-10 from Loop 101 to I-17. Population growth, economic development and employment patterns have contributed to increased traffic congestion on the regional freeway system and arterial streets. The goal of this study is to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion.

What are we studying?

Alternatives — To meet the goals of the study, a number of alternatives are being studied:

- maintaining the existing roadway (no build)
- adding one lane to the outside of the existing freeway lanes
- adding two lanes to the outside of the existing freeway lanes

ADOT is reserving the existing median from 91st Avenue to I-17 for a potential high-capacity transit use.

One or more of these alternatives could require the need for additional right-of-way throughout the freeway corridor. The alternatives are being studied and evaluated based on the following considerations:

Engineering components — This includes evaluating elements such as traffic projections, drainage, utilities, traffic control and implementation.

What is the study timeline?

Milestones	2007	2008	2009
Data gathering			
Community input			
Draft documents public review*			★
Final documents public review*			★
Public hearing			★

* Includes Environmental Assessment and Design Concept Report
Should ADOT decide to improve I-10 as a part of this study, construction is funded to begin in 2010. It is anticipated that the new roadway lanes would be open to traffic in 2012.



Environmental policies — This includes evaluating issues such as noise, cultural resources, land use/socioeconomics, environmental justice, biological resources and air quality. These resources will be evaluated in a Draft EA in accordance with NEPA and related environmental policies.

Stakeholder and community input — Early stakeholder and community input are important parts of the study process. Throughout the study, the latest information will be provided on the project Web site. In addition, a public hearing will be held later in the study.

Funding considerations — The study team will consider various implementation strategies to utilize the available funding in the most cost-effective manner.

Land use conditions — The study team will evaluate existing and future land use in the area to determine potential impacts from the study's alternatives.

Right-of-way requirements — This study is considering adding freeway lane(s) outside of ADOT's existing right-of-way. Should a decision be made to construct the project, ADOT would notify adjacent land owners of any potential right-of-way needs.

Coordination with other studies — The study team will coordinate with the study teams from other projects, such as the South Mountain Transportation Corridor Study, the State Route 801 Study and the I-10 West High Capacity Transit Study.

